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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to extend their best wishes to the
4 founders of Purpose Over Pain, an organization that was formed
5 to work with the community in reducing firearm violence and
6 working directly with victims of gun violence, for their
7 Citizens Action Award from the Illinois Council Against Handgun
8 Violence; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2007, the parents of several young men and
10 women who had been tragically killed due to gun violence came
11 together and founded Purpose Over Pain; these individuals, Ron
12 and Annette Holt, Pamela and Tom Bosley, Gloria and Jose
13 Padron, Alice Norris, Denise Reed, and Willie Williams, are
14 being honored for their dedication and purpose; and

15 WHEREAS, These parents have all paid the ultimate price,
16 but have found support and strength from one another to share
17 their experiences so that others will not have to go through
18 the pain they have had to endure; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the last two years, the founders of Purpose
20 Over Pain have become some of our state's strongest citizen
21 advocates in the fight for stronger gun control laws; they have
22 spoken to thousands of people across Illinois about the impact

1 that gun violence has had on our communities, along with the
2 personal impact upon their own lives; and

3 WHEREAS, The mission of Purpose Over Pain concentrates on a
4 number of goals that will help in the fight to reduce gun
5 violence; in addition to working for stronger laws and
6 educating the public about the negative effects of gun
7 violence, the founders are providing peer support to the
8 parents of children who are killed or wounded by such acts; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition, the organization serves as a referral
10 source to connect victim families with crisis support groups,
11 therapy, and government assistance that is provided to families
12 victimized by gun violence; in addition, these dedicated
13 persons are working to address the needs of at-risk youth
14 through programs that teach these young people to identify and
15 avoid negative influences that could lead them to become
16 involved with guns, averting senseless acts of violence;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 proudly recognize the strength and compassion each member has
21 put forth in helping Illinois families, and we extend our
22 congratulations to each for their efforts concerning gun
23 violence control through Purpose Over Pain; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Ron and Annette Holt, Pamela and Tom Bosley,
3 Gloria and Jose Padron, Alice Norris, Denise Reed, and Willie
4 Williams, founders of Purpose Over Pain.